

REMARKS

By the present Preliminary Amendment, the abstract has been replaced with one that conforms to the guidelines of 37 C.F.R. §1.72(b) and MPEP §608.01(b) and certain revisions have been made in the specification and sequence listing which is believed to be apparent. For instance, Seq. ID No. 2 has a 233 amino acid sequence and therefore the amendment on page 27 is in order. The amendment to page 303 is supported by the description in Table 98; the amendments to Table 145 on page 463 and Table 146 on page 466 are apparent from the descriptions of amino acid sequence and base sequence, respectively in the headings; and the amendments on pages 481-482 are based on the number of transformants and the attendant number of media set forth on page 481. In addition, the claims have been amended so that all multiple dependency that is improper under the guidelines of MPEP §608.01(n) has been removed and new claims 78-79 have been added which relate to certain aspects of the invention defined in original claim 72. It is to be understood that the revisions to the claims are solely for formalistic purposes and not with regard to patentability.

Entry of the instant Preliminary Amendment and favorable consideration on the merits are respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner have any questions concerning the subject application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

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